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I do most strongly object to the idea of Microsoft "atoning" for past transgressions by donating a few billion dollars of hardware and software to schools, and thereby, essentially undoing Apple's small education market niche.

What kind of punishment is that? The Apple company is already suffering by Microsoft copying Apple's system years ago with the "Windows" design that was invented and developed by Apple.

But no matter about that old issue, why would you consider undermining a competitive product such as the Apple company's computing system? That would be no punishment at all, but turn out in their favor by driving Apple computers out of the schools.

Apple is trying to recover by making the much more simple and stable Mac computers available for young students, some of which may later choose to buy an Apple Mac rather than the predominant giant PC's all with Microsoft's monopoly of the various Windows operating systems.

If you really wanted Microsoft to "atone" or punish them, have them buy Apple computers for the schools, or say half PC and half Apple.

I suppose you cannot order them to do that, but you can have them pay the equivalent cost in cash to the schools and let the schools decide which computer (hardware or software) they wish to buy, without any duress or strings attached.

Thank you for listening,

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